

# T H E T O W N O F MERRIMAC

56911 State Highway 113 – P.O. Box 115

Merrimac, WI 53561

## MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 4, 2011

Present were Steve Peetz, Chair, Supervisor Terry Frosch, and Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Clerk – Treasurer. Supervisor John Gaedke was out of state for the Air National Guard.

Peetz called the **TOWN BOARD MEETING** to order. McCumber confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed. The board considered approval of minutes of the town board meeting of April 12, 2011. Motion by Frosch to approve both, second by Peetz. Motion passed. The board reviewed the financial reports and approval of bills. Motion by Peetz to approve, second by Frosch. Motion passed. Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, McCumber reported Gaedke is out of town on business as he is in command. Under **CORRESPONDENCE**, there was a letter from General Engineering announcing a fuel surcharge for UDC inspection services, a copy from WI DNR approving the feasibility study for the contiguous landfill expansion at Badger, an email from CSWAB question the Army's proposal to provide safe drinking water, a notice from Sauk County Emergency Management's desire to run fiber optics down Bluff Rd., a copy of WI DNR determination of site feasibility regarding the landfill, the Army submitted its feasibility study to the WI DNR regarding the proposed water utility. Under **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**, Frosch reported on Spring Clean up coming up on May 21<sup>st</sup>, McCumber is working with DOT and property owners to place entrance signs, the Village of Merrimac is doing work in the town without permits, but McCumber and Peetz are meeting with them. Peetz reported Beich bought a new chain saw. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the board considered the acceptance of the final 2010 pier application received. Motion to approve by Frosch, second by Peetz. Items from the agenda addendum included consideration of a Town Acknowledgement Form for Sauk County Planning & Zoning regarding a request for a variance in the Lakeshore Protection District to place a garage on a vacant lot less than 5,000 sq. ft., at tax parcel 026-0721-00000. Application by Orrin Carr, E13609 Idlewild Rd., Merrimac, WI 53561. McCumber reported the project will not encroach any town setbacks and is merely an acknowledgement. Motion to acknowledge the form by Peetz, second by Frosch. The board then discussed a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) administratively once conditions have been met for Alliant Energy/Wisconsin Power and Light Company to upgrade the existing legal non-conforming substation located at E13910 County Road DL in accordance Town of Merrimac Zoning Ordinance 2.10 requiring such use be approved as a conditional use. The property is further identified by tax parcel 026-0378-00000 and is located in the Agricultural District. Application by Alliant Energy/Wisconsin Power and Light Company, Brian Cooke, Real Estate and Right-of-Way, 4902 Biltmore Lane, Suite 1000, Madison, WI 53718-2148. McCumber reported the Zoning Commission recommended approval upon submission of a grading plan on the southwest corner to open the view corridor at Bluff Road and County DL and the approval of a landscaping plan by Mike Slavney, Town Planner. McCumber reported the conditions have been met. Motion by Frosch to approve, second by Peetz. Motion approved. The board also considered a proposed fuel surcharge fee schedule for General Engineering for UDC approvals and inspections. McCumber reported the charge is on a graduating scale based on fuel prices. Motion to approve by Peetz, second by Frosch. Motion passed. A renewal of the town's liability insurance policy through The Horton Group was presented. McCumber noted the increase was minimal and recommendations offered to save money relative to fire and safety are not in the town's best interest and don't save that much money. Motion to approve by Frosch, second by Peetz. Motion passed. McCumber presented a request from "Highway J Citizens Group, U.A." to file an amicus brief in support of a challenge to a non-contiguous annexation in the Town of Richfield. McCumber reported that he found it would cost \$10,000, but the WI Town's Association is working on another amendment to the zoning law that would give the towns back the right to challenge non-contiguous direct annexations. He felt the town could consider action if the group would front the cost, but they claim they cannot afford to pay for it. A motion was made by Peetz to take no action, second by Frosch. Motion passed.

Motion by Frosch to adjourn. Second by Peetz. Motion passed.

**Town Officers:** Steve Peetz, Chair, 493-2106; Terry Frosch, Supervisor, 493-2891; John Gaedke, 356-2301; Supervisor, 493-2891; Tim McCumber, Town Administrator and Clerk-Treasurer, 493-2588 (**please, no calls at residence except for emergencies**). Assessor: Steve Mahlik, Equity Appraisal, LLC, 608/826-0009. Email address: [townmerr@merr.com](mailto:townmerr@merr.com). Building permits are required in the Town of Merrimac. Contact Tim McCumber for permits and zoning regulations ([tnadmin@merr.com](mailto:tnadmin@merr.com)). Town website: <http://www.tn.Merrimac.wi.gov>. Special Garbage Collection requests to Peterson Sanitation: 608/524-6603.

Telephone: (608) 493-2588

Fax: (608) 493-2238

[www.Tn.Merrimac.Wi.Gov](http://www.Tn.Merrimac.Wi.Gov)